

# ARMED FORCES DAY

★★★★★ MAY 21, 2016 ★★★★★



HONOR THOSE WHO ANSWERED  
THE CALL TO SERVE





Brigadier General John G. Baker is the Chief Defense Counsel for Military Commissions. In this capacity, General Baker is responsible for overseeing the defense of all detainees located at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (GTMO) accused of war crimes involving alleged terrorism against the United States under the Military Commissions Act (MCA) of 2009. He oversees a joint and total force staff of about 140 military and civilian lawyers, paralegals, investigators, intelligence analysts, defense security officers, translators and administrative officers providing the full spectrum trial defense services to GTMO detainees charged under the MCA, which includes capital cases.

Brigadier General Baker is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law (J.D. 1997), Averett University (M.B.A. 1992), and Union College (B.S. 1989). He also holds a LL.M. from The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (TJAGLCS), U.S. Army (2005). General Baker has been a faculty member for the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorney's Capital Voir Dire Training and has lectured at Yale Law School, Pittsburgh School of Law, University of Colorado Law School, the Louisiana Capital Defenders Course, TJAGLCS, and the Naval Justice School. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit with one gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy-Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Todd Baxter assumed the duties of Executive Director of Veterans Outreach Center, Inc., in April, 2014.

Baxter is a 26-year veteran of local law enforcement, with 22 years' service to the Rochester Police Department and 4 years experience as Chief of Police in the Greece Police Department. Chief Baxter joined the local force following three years of active duty with the US Army. He continued his military service with the US Army Reserves, 98th Division for another 19 years before retiring as a Master Sergeant, Brigade Anti-Terrorism Safety and Training NCO (non-commissioned officer), in 2005.

Tapped to lead local law enforcement through a period of transition in Greece, Baxter has been praised for his efforts in creating initiatives of public and private partnership, and his focus on the ethical responsibility and professional development of his team. He has recognized the role family wellness plays in supporting the overall success of an individual, and looks forward to leading the services of Veterans Outreach Center to serve the region's 68,000 veterans and families.



# Armed Forces Day Luncheon Program

## **Pre-luncheon Concert**

198th Army Band

## **Sounding of Assembly**

## **Posting of the Colors**

Multi Service Color Guard

MSG Bing Reaves, United States Army - Retired

## **Singing of the National Anthem**

Bruce Dunn, Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

## **Invocation**

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, US Army - Retired

## **POW/MIA Remembrance**

Dr. Betty Perkins-Carpenter, Korean War Veterans

## **Taps**

In Remembrance of our Fallen Men and Women

## **Amazing Grace**

Les Carr of The Rochester Pipers

## **Singing of God Bless America**

Bruce Dunn, Chairman - Armed Forces Luncheon Committee

## **Welcome**

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, United States Army – Retired

## **Greetings**

Honorable Cheryl Dinolfo, County Executive, Monroe County

Honorable Lovely Warren, Mayor, City of Rochester

## **Cake Cutting Ceremony**

Brigadier General John G. Baker

United States Marine Corps

## **~ Lunch being Served ~**

## **Honorary Chair**

Todd Baxter— Executive Director—Veterans Outreach Center, Inc.

## **Guest Speaker**

Brigadier General John G. Baker

United States Marine Corps

## **Closing Remarks**

Major General Norbert J. Rappl, United States Army – Retired

## **Retiring of the Colors**

Multi Service Color Guard

## **Benediction**

Chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) Robert F. Searle, US Army - Retired

## **The Star Spangled Banner**

**Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early  
light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's  
last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro'  
the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gal-  
lantly streaming?  
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs  
bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was  
still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet  
wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of  
the brave?**

## **God Bless America**

**God Bless America,  
Land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night with the light from  
above.  
From the mountains, to the praries,  
to the oceans, white with foam,  
God Bless America,  
My home sweet home.  
God Bless America,  
My home sweet home  
God Bless America  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
to the oceans, white with foam,  
God Bless America,  
My home sweet home.  
God Bless America,  
My home sweet home.**

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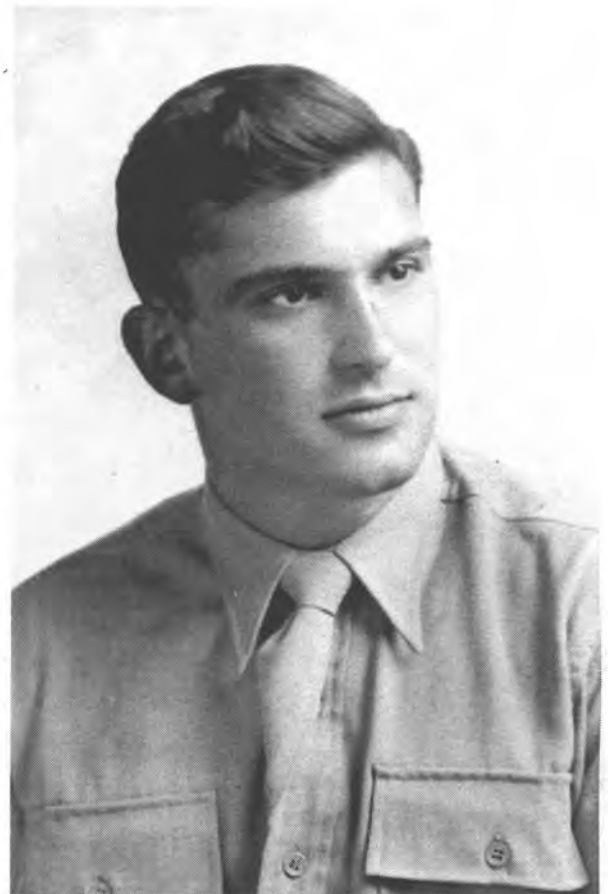
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Recognize those who have passed on since April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016  
When: Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 3:00 pm for the annual service.  
Where: Rochester War Memorial (Blue Cross Arena)

Flags of the Armed Services to be placed at the entrance to the various cemeteries in Monroe County, May 30.

Recognize those who have served with the Rochester City Memorial Day Parade on May30, 2016  
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Today there are more than 70 regional hubs. There are also 8,000 veterans located beyond those hubs on a national registry who wait a full year to be called for their Honor Flight. Based on recent statistics, every day we lose more than more 1,200 WWII veterans across the country.

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General John G. Baker,  
USMC, to this year's  
Annual Luncheon!**

## Gold Star Mothers

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, George Vaughn Seibold, 23, volunteered, requesting assignment in aviation. He was sent to Canada where he learned to fly British planes since the United States had neither an air force nor planes. Deployed to England, he was assigned to the British Royal Flying Corps, 148th Aero Squadron. With his squadron, he left for combat duty in France. He corresponded with his family regularly. His mother, Grace Darling Seibold, began to do community service by visiting returning servicemen in the hospitals.

Grace continued to visit hospitalized veterans in the Washington area, clinging to the hope that her son might have been injured and returned to the United States without any identification. While working through her sorrow, she helped ease the pain of the many servicemen who returned so war-damaged that they were incapable of ever reaching normalcy.

She organized a group consisting solely of these special mothers, with the purpose of not only comforting each other, but giving loving care to hospitalized veterans confined in government hospitals far from home.

The organization was named after the Gold Star that families hung in their windows in honor of the deceased veteran.

After years of planning, June 4, 1928, twenty-five mothers met in Washington, DC to establish the national organization, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

We stand tall and proud by honoring our children, assisting our veterans, supporting our nation, and healing with each other.



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our country and the sacri-  
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**We Salute You**

**We Thank You**

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The 391<sup>st</sup> Regimental Officers' Association has been a proud sponsor of the annual Rochester Area Armed Forces Day Luncheon for many years. It has been our tradition to honor deceased members of our Regiment each year, with special tributes to those with exceptional dedication, support, and regimental spirit. However, it is our duty to gladly report that, since last years' Armed Forces Day Luncheon, we are blessed to still have all our members in the fold.

The Regiment offers kind thoughts and prayers for some of us who are beginning to lose an edge, and those that have survived serious medical procedures or injuries; and we look forward to seeing all y'all, healthy, same time next year.

To those of our "hero's" who have passed on in previous years, and to their families, your eternal flame burns within us. God Continue to Bless You.

To our friends and associates in other Veteran organizations who are present with us each year at this patriotic Armed Forces Day assembly, God Bless You. God Bless our Military, active and reserve; and God Bless the United States of America.

*From the Officers and Board of Governors or the 391<sup>st</sup> Regimental Officers' Association*

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# Armed Forces Day History



On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The single-day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under one department -- the Department of Defense. Each of the military leagues and orders was asked to drop sponsorship of its specific service day in order to celebrate the newly announced Armed Forces Day. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day, too.



In a speech announcing the formation of the day, President Truman "praised the work of the military services at home and across the seas" and said, "It is vital to the security of the nation and to the establishment of a desirable peace." In an excerpt from the Presidential Proclamation of Feb. 27, 1950, Mr. Truman stated: "Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 1950, marks the first combined demonstration by America's defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act, towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. It is the first parade of preparedness by the unified forces of our land, sea, and air defense."



The theme of the first Armed Forces Day was "Teamed for Defense." It was chosen as a means of expressing the unification of all the military forces under a single department of the government. Although this was the theme for the day, there were several other purposes for holding Armed Forces Day. It was a type of "educational program for civilians," one in which there would be an increased awareness of the Armed Forces. It was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job is performed and the role of the military in civilian life. It was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to the civilian population they were protecting. It was a day to honor and acknowledge the people of the Armed Forces of the United States.



According to a New York Times article published on May 17, 1952: "This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world. Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."



The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated by parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows. In Washington, D.C., 10,000 troops of all branches of the military, cadets, and veterans marched past the President and his party. In Berlin, 1,000 U.S. troops paraded for the German citizens at Tempelhof Airfield. In New York City, an estimated 33,000 participants initiated Armed Forces Day "under an air cover of 250 military planes of all types." In the harbors across the country were the famed mothballed "battleships" of World War II: the Missouri, the New Jersey, the North Carolina, and the Iowa, all open for public inspection. Precision flying teams dominated the skies as tracking radar was exhibited on the ground. All across the country, the American people joined together to honor the Armed Forces.